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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE/ARAB DIFFICULTIES

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ON AUG 28,
AMB REMINDED SAUD OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON
THE PORTUGUESE PROBLEM AND NOTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE
CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE INSCRIBED
ON THE UPCOMING ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' AGENDA.
AMB SAID THAT SECRETARY VANCE APPRECIATED SAUD'S COMMENT
THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF EMBARGOING A COUNTRY THAT
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WAS MOVING AWAY FROM COMMUNISM AND ADDED THAT WE TRUST
THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE IN MIND THE VERY STRONG
AND LONG-STANDING ANTI-SOVIET POSITION OF THE CURRENT
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AMB ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PORTUGAL
DOES NOT PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV AND IN
VIEW OF THESE FACTS WE HOPE THAT SAUD WILL PURSUE THE
PORTUGUESE ISSUE IN THE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING.

2. IN REPLY, SAUD SAID THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL
WILL PRESENT A REPORT AT THE NEXT MEEING BASED ON HIS
DISCUSSIONS WITH PORTUGESE OFFICIALS. WEST

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